

modern history. Further, if you will refer to the Holy Book in the third chapter of the second book of Kings, in the sixteenth and seventeenth verses, you will see that the Lord took a greater interest in ditches than he did in book-keeping. The good prophet Elijah says: "Thus saith the Lord, make this valley full of ditches, for ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain, yet that valley shall be filled with water." So I think you will agree with me that the ancient art is ditches and water first and accounting second.

Wm. H. ROWE.

#### MANAGEMENT OF LIVESTOCK.

At this season of the year there are many farmers who feel that now that the crops are about all harvested and the fall work is about over, that the next few months may be spent in idleness. There are many farmers in this section who spend 8 or 9 months in exhaustive labor for long hours each day, but when the winter season comes on feel that they are entitled to a rest and the winter months are spent in idleness, dissipating the accumulations of the earning season. To these we desire to call attention to the opportunities offered in feeding livestock. In doing this we recognize the fact that fully one-third of the amateurs in this business carry on such transactions at a loss. These losses are the result of inexperienced men buying at too high a rate; they are further to be charged to unsuccessful feeding methods. We know of many men who after a year's experience find that their feed has been a total loss and they have nothing to compensate them for their labor. We call attention to these failures so that the unexperienced will not rush into an enterprise of this kind without due deliberation. However, there is money to be made in buying hogs, lambs or beef steers if handled properly and fed with the right combinations.

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#### JURY WAS SKEPTICAL.

Judge Fox of the Supreme Court killed a turkey in southeast Missouri the day after the hunting season closed. When his attention was called to his violation of the law he went before the grand jury and made a complaint, telling how he had made a wonderfully long shot and did not expect to kill the turkey, but instructed the jurors that it was their duty to indict him, especially as it was his duty to know the law, and his oversight was therefore the more inexcusable.

When he afterward inquired why he was not fined for the misdemeanor he was informed that the jury did not believe he could have killed a turkey as far as he claimed to have shot.—Linn Creek Reveille.

#### AN OVERSIGHT.

Aunt—"Tommy, I put three pies in here yesterday, and now there is only one. How is that?"

Tommy—"Please, it was so dark, aunty, I didn't see that one."—Punch.

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